Blueprint for improving civic services in Metropolitan Cities

1206. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new blueprint for tonning up the crumbling basic civic services in some of the major metropolitan cities is on the envil;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the scheme is likely to be finalised and put into effect; and

(c) whether the proposed scheme would also take care of the mushrooming growth of slums, jhuggies and jhonpries in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The blueprint is in the initial stages of formulation and hence details are not available.

Conversion of Leasehold Property into Freehold in Delhi

1207. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced a scheme for converting leasehold properties into freehold in Delhi at some concessional rates;

(b) -if so, the details thereof and the time upto which the scheme is valid;

(c) the response of the people to the scheme; and

(d) whether it is proposed to extend the duration of the scheme so as to enable more people to benefit from the scheme, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the modifications announced by the Government in June, 1999, (i) the conversion fee will be computable on the basis of land rates of 1987 and this concession is available till 27.12.99; (ii) premium free leases and all residential leases irrespective of size, are covered under the scheme. However, conversion fee in respect of premium free leases will be charged on the basis of prevailing land rates as notified by the Government; (iii) In cases of leases with land area upto 50 sqms. where no conversion fee is envisaged, the conversion from leasehold to freehold will be made through a general notification.

(c) and (d) The scheme is optional and open ended and will be available to the lessees beyond 27.12.99 also. However, the conversion fee will be payable on the basis of then prevailing land rates as applicable on the date of submission of application.

Unauthorised Constructions in the Capital

1208. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to take action against those officials under whom unauthorised constructions have taken place;

(b) if so, whether the officials, in connivance with the builder mafias and police, have given rise to such unauthorised constructions in the Capinal; and

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take with regard to the nexus *of* builder mafia and officials or police?

THE MUNISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Whenever any complaints is received by the local body or DDA regarding unauthorised construction, the matter is looked into and necessary action taken. The Central Government have also issued directions to the local bothes including DDA from time to time to take action against officials under whose jurisdiction the unauthorised construction takes place.